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FAIR BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 21, 2016

The meeting was held at the Madison County Fairgrounds, Twin Bridges, Montana, on January 21, 2016, and came to order at 6:01 p.m. Those present were: Dana Escott, Randy Lowder, Tom Leo, Nick Novich, Chad Armstrong, Bill Holden, Bob Lancaster, Billy Whitehurst, Gage Baumeister, Pete Novich, Colton Hellwinkel, and Commissioner David Schulz. Dana Escott took minutes.

Minutes: Tom moved to approve the November 19, 2015, minutes with no corrections. Nick seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Budget: Cash is \$58,066.

Bills: The list of bills for December, 2015 and January, 2016, were presented to the Fair Board. Nick moved to approve the bills. Bill seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Public Input on Agenda and/or Non Agenda Items: None.

Communications: A thank you card from the High School Rodeo was passed around.

REPORTS:

3RAC: Pete advised that he had talked to the members of 3RAC and the club would like to terminate their agreement with the Fair Board. The sign sponsorship will go back to the Fair Board. 3RAC will send out a letter to the sponsors letting them know that the Fair Board will be doing sign sponsorships for the arena. Pete advised that the signs belong to the sponsors and 3RAC will let the sponsors know that they have their signs. Dana will get paperwork to 3RAC regarding termination of the Agreement. Pete advised that 3RAC will rent the arena for any events they plan to put on. He also mentioned that 3RAC would like to continue putting on the youth rodeo. The Board was in favor of letting 3RAC put on youth rodeo. Pete will get a list of the signs owned by the sponsors to the Board, have the 3RAC secretary send out a letter advising sponsors of the change, and send a copy of the letter and sign prices to the Board. The termination will be on February's Agenda. There will be a Wrangler Roping in July.

Chad and Billy entered meeting at 6:20 pm

4-H: Billy presented a sheet with the enrollment numbers for 4H and FFA which shows a continuous growth of the two programs. Market animal enrollment is up and there is a group of younger children coming up which is growing the 4H and FFA programs. There is a need for some expansion in the barns.

FFA: Colton Hellwinkel advised that FFA has been competing and placing at events. State is coming up in March.

Livestock Committee: Hog weigh in is scheduled for April 30, 2016, and sheep weigh in tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2016. Chad asked whose responsibility it is to maintain the hog mister system. Dana will look into it.

Pete Novich left meeting at 6:40 pm.

Fair Board Report: None.

Commissioner Schulz entered meeting at 6:50 pm.

Fair Manager Report: Dana asked about doing some upgrades to the kids play yard? Twin Bridges FFA would like to build some toys for the play yard. IMOC Lumber is going to sponsor the All Girl's Saddle Bronc Riding at the fair. The President of the Sr. Pro Rodeo Association called and discussed Twin Bridges hosting a Sr. Pro Rodeo. Dana relayed the details of hosting a Sr. Pro rodeo in Twin. There would be some application fees and added money fees. The event would be a positive event for the community. The Board will vote on this in February.

DISCUSSION and/or ACTION ITEMS

1. **Twin Bridges FFA-Place for Agricultural Science Lab:** Colton presented a Lease Agreement from the school to the Board for review. Colton would like to see the lease terms for five years ending on June 30, 2021. The Board was in agreement to the terms with a couple of date changes to coincide with the County's year. The school board still needs to review the Agreement. Tom moved to preliminarily approve the Lease Agreement upon corrections. Chad seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried 4/0. Randy abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest because of being on the school board.
2. **Bylaws:** Discussion was whether or not to add verbiage to the Bylaws to cover incidents such as disorderly conduct, etc. on the fairgrounds. Does the county have a policy or is there a statute regarding such issues? Is there a necessity of adding something to the Bylaws? The Board will check with the county attorney to see if there is a statute which can be referenced in the Bylaws. No action taken. Randy advised that he has moved north of Twin Bridges but still covers the Twin Bridges area. Commissioner Schulz asked Dana to send a letter up to the commissioners. There shouldn't be any problem.
3. **Building Update:** Billy presented a couple of bids he has acquired. (see attached) Both buildings come insulated and are pre-engineered steel buildings. There will approximately \$45,000 in engineering costs. Electrical, bathrooms, heating, etc. will all be additional costs. Discussion was that the committee should get together and have some public meetings in all areas to present the building to the public and get input. Billy discussed the funding for the project and the need for additional room for animals. No action taken.
4. **Fair:**
 - a. **Ranch Rodeo:** Ladder Canyon Ranch advised they won't be doing the Ranch Rodeo at Fair this year. Dana has contacted the rodeo contractor and they will put the Ranch Rodeo on for us. Details are still being worked out.
 - b. **Miscellaneous:** Larry Mehlhoff will host the cowboy church at the fair. The Board is looking for a band for fair.

Unfinished Business: None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. Next meeting, February 18, 2016, at 6:00 pm. Minutes typed and prepared by Dana Escott.

 2/18/16
Approved: Fair Board Chairperson Date
And/or Vice Chairperson